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NURE PROGRAM

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1. ENI OFFICIAL BENEVOLO ACCEPTS ERDA'S OFFER TO MEET
WITH PATTERSON AND NURE OFFICIALS DURING MAY 4-6 OAK RIDGE
MEETING AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN WASHINGTON MAY 7. BENEVOLO
WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DR. MANUEL D'AGNOLO, CHIEF, MINING
OPERATIONS, AGIP MINERARIA, PROF. (FNU) ARIETTI, CHIEF
GEOLOGIST, AGIP MINERARIA AND DR. (FNU) BALDAZZI, CHIEF,
AGIP MINING - USA.

2. MEETING APRIL 23 WITH BENEVOLO CLARIFIED THAT MAY 4-7
MEETINGS WOULD NOT RPT NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR SUBSEQUENT ERDA
PROGRAM (I.E., 1-2 WEEK PROGRAM PROPOSED REF C) TO EXPLORE
FURTHER SPECIFIC ITALIAN INTERESTS. NATURALLY, IN VIEW OF
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LEVEL AND SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACCOMPANYING

AGIP MINERARIA OFFICIALS (WHO WILL DO MOST OF THE TALKING, ACCORDING TO VENEVOLO), IT IS HOPED THAT THE MAY 4-7 ENCOUNTERS WILL SERVE TO FOCUS AND EXPLORE INTERESTS FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS AND/OR PROGRAMS.

3. COMMENT: ITALIANS ARE CLEARLY CONCERNED THAT 1-2 WEEK PROGRAM PROPOSED BY ERDA WOULD BE SOLE OUTCOME OF US-ITALIAN DISCUSSIONS OF ITALIAN INVOLVEMENT IN NURE PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO BENEVOLO, ITALIANS HAVE ENVISAGED ASSIGNING COMPETENT GEOLOGIST OR OTHER SUITABLY-QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO NURE PROGRAM FOR AS LONG AS ONE-TWO YEARS. ASSUREANCES THAT ONE-TWO WEEK ERDA PROPOSED PROGRAM DID NOT RPT NOT PRECLUDE FORTHER INVOLVEMENT (REF C) RECEIVED WITH OBVIOUS RELIEF. VOLPE

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